

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the outstanding Office Action mailed September 12, 2007. Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 21, 25, 28 – 30, 32 – 34, 36 – 38, 41 – 43, 45 – 52, 54 – 62, and 65 – 69 remain pending. In particular, Applicants amend claims 21, 32, 41, 48, 54, 59, and 61. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

I. **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 21 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz***

The Office Action indicates that claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”). To the extent not rendered moot by amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 21. More specifically, claim 21 recites:

A method implemented by a digital home communication terminal (DHCT) for enabling a user to scroll through a plurality of video programs received via a plurality of transmission channels, comprising the steps of:

tuning to a first plurality of transmission channels via a plurality of respective tuners;

receiving a first plurality of video programs including a first video program and a second video program via the first plurality of transmission channels, wherein each of the first plurality of video programs comprises a plurality of time-sequential pictures;

outputting the first plurality of video programs to a display device configured to simultaneously display the first plurality of video programs, wherein a first video program is displayed in a first video display area of the display device and a second video program is displayed in a second video display area of the display device;

receiving via a tuner a program guide data including program information related to the first video program and program information related to the second video program and program information related to a third video program;

outputting the program guide data to the display device simultaneously with the first plurality of video ***programs in a default display order, as configured by a headend that sent the program***

guide data, wherein the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data, wherein at least a portion of the program information related to the first video program is displayed at a location corresponding to the first video program and at least a portion of the program information related to the second video program is displayed at a location corresponding to the second video program;

receiving, from a user during the outputting of the program guide data simultaneously with the first plurality of video programs, a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs;

in response to receiving the user request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs, suspending, at the DHCT, at least one of the plurality of tuners from tuning to the respective transmission channels;

utilizing the suspended tuner for receiving at least a portion of the requested program information; and

outputting a static image in the display area corresponding to the video program previously provided by the suspended tuner.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 21, as amended, is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that neither *Matthews* nor *Tsinberg* nor *Lortz* discloses, teaches, or suggests a “method implemented by a digital home communication terminal (DHCT)... comprising... outputting the program guide data to the display device simultaneously with the first plurality of video **programs in a default display order, as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data, wherein the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data**” as recited in claim 21, as amended. More specifically, *Matthews* discloses a “[v]ideo program guide 100 [that] displays for a viewer multiple video programming tiles 102 corresponding to programming available on selected channels during a programming schedule period” (column 4, line 46, *Matthews*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Matthews* fails to disclose anything similar to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 21, as amended, is allowable.

Additionally, *Tsinberg* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews*. More specifically, *Tsinberg* discloses a “CPU 6 [that] will have gathered EPG information from all the digital channels. It combines this information so that, upon request of the viewer, the entire EPG can be displayed using graphics overlay 7” (column 6, line 21, *Tsinberg*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Tsinberg* fails to disclose anything related to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 21, as amended, is allowable.

Further, *Lortz* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews* and *Tsinberg*. More specifically, *Lortz* discloses “coordinating the display of an incoming signal stream on a display with web browsing” (column 2, line 14, *Lortz*). Applicants respectfully submit that this is different than an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

II. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 32 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz*

The Office Action indicates that claim 32 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”). To the extent not rendered moot by amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 32. More specifically, claim 32 recites:

A method for enabling the simultaneous viewing of video programs and related electronic program guide information, comprising:
receiving a plurality of video programs substantially simultaneously by tuning to a plurality of transmission channels via a plurality of respective tuners, the plurality of video programs including a first video program and a second video program, wherein the first and

second video programs each comprise a plurality of time-sequential pictures;

receiving via a tuner a program guide data including program information related to the first video program and program information related to the second video program;

receiving a first user input from a user;

responsive to receiving the first user input outputting to a display device a television signal comprising a simultaneous visual presentation of the plurality of video programs with program guide data, wherein the first and second video programs are located in respective first and second video display areas of the visual presentation and the program guide data includes at least a portion of program information related to the first video program and at least a portion of program information related to the second video program, wherein ***the location of the first and second video display areas and the program guide data is determined at a headend that sent the program guide data, wherein the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the location of the first and second video display areas and manually arrange the first and second video display areas with the program guide data;***

receiving, from a user during the outputting of the simultaneous visual presentation of the plurality of video programs with program guide data, a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs;

in response to receiving the user request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs, suspending at least one of the plurality of tuners from tuning to the respective transmission channels;

utilizing the suspended tuner for receiving at least a portion of the requested program information; and

outputting a static image in the display area corresponding to the video program previously provided by the suspended tuner.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 32, as amended, is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that neither *Matthews* nor *Tsinberg* nor *Lortz* discloses, teaches, or suggests a “method for enabling the simultaneous viewing of video programs and related electronic program guide information... ***wherein the location of the first and second video display areas and the program guide data is determined at a headend that sent the program guide data, wherein the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the location of the first and second video display areas and manually arrange the first and second video display areas with the program guide data***” as recited in claim 32, as amended. More specifically, *Matthews* discloses a “[v]ideo program guide 100

[that] displays for a viewer multiple video programming tiles 102 corresponding to programming available on selected channels during a programming schedule period” (column 4, line 46, *Matthews*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Matthews* fails to disclose anything similar to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 32, as amended, is allowable.

Additionally, *Tsinberg* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews*. More specifically, *Tsinberg* discloses a “CPU 6 [that] will have gathered EPG information from all the digital channels. It combines this information so that, upon request of the viewer, the entire EPG can be displayed using graphics overlay 7” (column 6, line 21, *Tsinberg*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Tsinberg* fails to disclose anything related to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 32, as amended, is allowable.

Further, *Lortz* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews* and *Tsinberg*. More specifically, *Lortz* discloses “coordinating the display of an incoming signal stream on a display with web browsing” (column 2, line 14, *Lortz*). Applicants respectfully submit that this is different than an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

III. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 41 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz*

The Office Action indicates that claim 41 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”). To the extent not rendered moot by amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at

least the reason that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 41. More specifically, claim 41 recites:

A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) configured to enable a user to scroll through a plurality of video programs received via a plurality of transmission channels, comprising:

a plurality of tuners configured to substantially simultaneously tune to a first plurality of transmission channels carrying a first plurality of video programs including a first video program and a second video program;

memory configured to store executable instructions; and

at least one processor that is programmed by the executable instructions to enable the DHCT to:

output the first plurality of video programs to a display device configured to simultaneously display the first plurality of video programs in a default display order, as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data, wherein a first video program is displayed in a first video display area of the display device and a second video program is displayed in a second video display area of the display device;

receive via at least one tuner a program guide data including program information related to the first video program and program information related to the second video program, wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data;***

output the program guide data to the display device simultaneously with the first plurality of video programs, wherein at least a portion of the program information related to the first video program is displayed at a location corresponding to the first video program and at least a portion of the program information related to the second video program is displayed at a location corresponding to the second video program;

receive, from a user during the outputting the program guide data with the first plurality of video programs, a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs;

in response to receiving the user request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs, suspend at least one of the plurality of tuners from tuning to the respective transmission channels;

utilize the suspended tuner for receiving at least a portion of the requested program information; and

output a static image in the location corresponding to the video program previously provided by the suspended tuner.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 41, as amended, is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that neither *Matthews* nor *Tsinberg* nor *Lortz* discloses, teaches, or suggests a “digital home communication terminal (DHCT) configured to enable a user to scroll

through a plurality of video programs received via a plurality of transmission channels, comprising... at least one processor that is programmed by the executable instructions to enable the DHCT to... receive via at least one tuner a program guide data including program information related to the first video program and program information related to the second video program, wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data***” as recited in claim 41, as amended. More specifically, *Matthews* discloses a “[v]ideo program guide 100 [that] displays for a viewer multiple video programming tiles 102 corresponding to programming available on selected channels during a programming schedule period” (column 4, line 46, *Matthews*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Matthews* fails to disclose anything similar to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 41, as amended, is allowable.

Additionally, *Tsinberg* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews*. More specifically, *Tsinberg* discloses a “CPU 6 [that] will have gathered EPG information from all the digital channels. It combines this information so that, upon request of the viewer, the entire EPG can be displayed using graphics overlay 7” (column 6, line 21, *Tsinberg*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Tsinberg* fails to disclose anything related to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 41, as amended, is allowable.

Further, *Lortz* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews* and *Tsinberg*. More specifically, *Lortz* discloses “coordinating the display of an incoming signal stream on a display with web browsing” (column 2, line 14, *Lortz*). Applicants respectfully submit that this is different than an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

IV. **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 48 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz***

The Office Action indicates that claim 48 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 ("*Matthews*") in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 ("*Tsinberg*") and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 ("*Lortz*"). To the extent not rendered moot by amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 48. More specifically, claim 48 recites:

A method implemented by a digital home communication terminal (DHCT) having a plurality of tuners, comprising the steps of:
receiving a first video program via a first tuner;
receiving a second video program via a second tuner;
receiving via at least one tuner a program guide data including program information related to the first video program and program information related to the second video program;
receiving user input from a user;
outputting the first and second video programs to a display device for display in respective first and second display areas of a default display order as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data, responsive to receiving the user input, ***wherein the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data;***
outputting at least a portion of program information related to the first and second video programs to the display device responsive to receiving the user input;
receiving, from a user during the outputting of the program guide data simultaneously with the first plurality of video programs, a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs;
in response to receiving a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs, suspending, at the DHCT, at least one of the first tuner and the second tuner from receiving a video program;
utilizing the suspended tuner for receiving at least a portion of the requested program information; and
outputting a static image in the display area corresponding to the video program previously provided by the suspended tuner,
wherein the first and second video programs and the program guide data are displayed simultaneously by the display device.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 48, as amended, is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that neither *Matthews* nor *Tsinberg* nor *Lortz* discloses, teaches, or suggests a “method implemented by a digital home communication terminal (DHCT) having a plurality of tuners, comprising the steps of... outputting the first and second video programs to a display device for display in respective first and second display areas of a default display order as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data, responsive to receiving the user input, **wherein the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data**” as recited in claim 48, as amended. More specifically, *Matthews* discloses a “[v]ideo program guide 100 [that] displays for a viewer multiple video programming tiles 102 corresponding to programming available on selected channels during a programming schedule period” (column 4, line 46, *Matthews*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Matthews* fails to disclose anything similar to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 48, as amended, is allowable.

Additionally, *Tsinberg* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews*. More specifically, *Tsinberg* discloses a “CPU 6 [that] will have gathered EPG information from all the digital channels. It combines this information so that, upon request of the viewer, the entire EPG can be displayed using graphics overlay 7” (column 6, line 21, *Tsinberg*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Tsinberg* fails to disclose anything related to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 48, as amended, is allowable.

Further, *Lortz* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews* and *Tsinberg*. More specifically, *Lortz* discloses “coordinating the display of an incoming signal stream on a display with web browsing” (column 2, line 14, *Lortz*). Applicants respectfully submit that this is different than an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video

programs. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

V. **Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 54 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz***

The Office Action indicates that claim 54 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”). To the extent not rendered moot by amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 54. More specifically, claim 54 recites:

A digital home communication terminal (DHCT) configured to enable the simultaneous viewing of video programs and related electronic program guide information, comprising:

a plurality of tuners configured to substantially simultaneously tune to a first plurality of transmission channels carrying a first plurality of video programs including a first video program and a second video program;

at least one tuner configured to receive a program guide data including program information related to the first video program and program information related to the second video program;

memory configured to store executable instructions and the program guide data; and

at least one processor that is programmed by the executable instructions to enable the DHCT to:

output the program guide data and the plurality of video programs simultaneously in a default display order, as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data to a display device responsive to a first user input, wherein the first video program is displayed in a first video display area of the display device and the second video program is displayed in a second video display area of the display device, and wherein at least a portion of the program information related to the first video program is displayed at a location corresponding to the first video program and at least a portion of the program information related to the second video program is displayed at a location corresponding to the second video program, wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for a user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data;***

receive, from a user during the outputting of the program guide data simultaneously with the first plurality of video programs, a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs;

in response to receiving a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs, suspend at least one of the plurality of tuners from tuning to the respective transmission channels; utilize the suspended tuner for receiving at least a portion of the requested program information; and output a static image in the video display area corresponding to the video program previously provided by the suspended tuner.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 54, as amended, is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that neither *Matthews* nor *Tsinberg* nor *Lortz* discloses, teaches, or suggests a “digital home communication terminal (DHCT) configured to enable the simultaneous viewing of video programs and related electronic program guide information... wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for a user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data***” as recited in claim 54, as amended. More specifically, *Matthews* discloses a “[v]ideo program guide 100 [that] displays for a viewer multiple video programming tiles 102 corresponding to programming available on selected channels during a programming schedule period” (column 4, line 46, *Matthews*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Matthews* fails to disclose anything similar to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 54, as amended, is allowable.

Additionally, *Tsinberg* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews*. More specifically, *Tsinberg* discloses a “CPU 6 [that] will have gathered EPG information from all the digital channels. It combines this information so that, upon request of the viewer, the entire EPG can be displayed using graphics overlay 7” (column 6, line 21, *Tsinberg*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Tsinberg* fails to disclose anything related to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 54, as amended, is allowable.

Further, *Lortz* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews* and *Tsinberg*. More specifically, *Lortz* discloses “coordinating the display of an incoming signal stream on a display with web browsing” (column 2, line 14, *Lortz*). Applicants respectfully submit that this is different than an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

VI. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 59 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz*

The Office Action indicates that claim 59 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”). To the extent not rendered moot by amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 59. More specifically, claim 59 recites:

A DHCT configured to provide a user with program information corresponding to television programs, comprising:

at least one guide tuner configured to receive a program guide data including program information corresponding to a plurality of television programs scheduled on the first television channel;

a plurality of program tuners configured to receive a plurality of television programs, wherein at least one television programs corresponds to a television program to be broadcast in the future on a first television channel;

a first memory configured to store executable instructions; and

at least one processor that is programmed by the executable instructions to enable the DHCT to output a television signal comprising a simultaneous visual presentation of the plurality television programs at a plurality of respective display areas and program guide data in a default display order, as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data, wherein at least a portion of the program information corresponding to each respective television program in the plurality of sequential television programs is included in the visual presentation, wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data;***

wherein the DHCT is configured to receive, from a user during the outputting of the visual presentation and the program guide data, a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs,

wherein, in response to receiving the user request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs, the DHCT is configured to suspend at least one of the plurality of program tuners from receiving the plurality of television programs and utilize the suspended tuner for receiving at least a portion of the requested program information, and

wherein the DHCT is further configured to output a static image in the display area corresponding to the video program previously provided by the suspended tuner.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 59, as amended, is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that neither *Matthews* nor *Tsinberg* nor *Lortz* discloses, teaches, or suggests a “DHCT configured to provide a user with program information corresponding to television programs... wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for the user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data***” as recited in claim 59, as amended. More specifically, *Matthews* discloses a “[v]ideo program guide 100 [that] displays for a viewer multiple video programming tiles 102 corresponding to programming available on selected channels during a programming schedule period” (column 4, line 46, *Matthews*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Matthews* fails to disclose anything similar to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 59, as amended, is allowable.

Additionally, *Tsinberg* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews*. More specifically, *Tsinberg* discloses a “CPU 6 [that] will have gathered EPG information from all the digital channels. It combines this information so that, upon request of the viewer, the entire EPG can be displayed using graphics overlay 7” (column 6, line 21, *Tsinberg*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Tsinberg* fails to disclose anything related to an option to override a

default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 59, as amended, is allowable.

Further, *Lortz* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews* and *Tsinberg*. More specifically, *Lortz* discloses “coordinating the display of an incoming signal stream on a display with web browsing” (column 2, line 14, *Lortz*). Applicants respectfully submit that this is different than an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

VII. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 61 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz*

The Office Action indicates that claim 61 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”). To the extent not rendered moot by amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 61. More specifically, claim 61 recites:

A method for enabling the simultaneous viewing of video programs and related electronic program guide information, comprising:

receiving a plurality of video programs substantially simultaneously by tuning to a plurality of transmission channels via a plurality of respective tuners, the plurality of video programs including a first video program and a second video program, wherein the first and second video programs each comprise a plurality of time-sequential pictures;

receiving via a tuner a program guide data including program information related to the first video program and program information related to the second video program;

configuring a memory to output the first plurality of video at a plurality of respective display areas;

configuring an output buffer in the memory with the first video program and the second video program;

configuring the output buffer with a plurality of program information sections including a first program information section for at least a portion

of the program information related to the first video program and a second program information section for at least a portion of the program information related to the second video program;

configuring the location of the video section and program information section in the output buffer for each respective video program;

outputting data in the output buffer to a display device in a default display order as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data, wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for a user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data;***

receiving, from a user during the outputting of the program guide data simultaneously with the first plurality of video programs, a request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs;

in response to receiving the user request for program information related to at least one of the plurality of programs, suspending, at the DHCT, at least one of the plurality of tuners from receiving the plurality of video programs;

utilizing the suspended tuner for receiving at least a portion of the requested program information; and

outputting a static image in the display area corresponding to the video program previously provided by the suspended tuner.

(emphasis added)

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 61, as amended, is allowable over the cited art for at least the reason that neither *Matthews* nor *Tsinberg* nor *Lortz* discloses, teaches, or suggests a “method for enabling the simultaneous viewing of video programs and related electronic program guide information, comprising... outputting data in the output buffer to a display device in a default display order as configured by a headend that sent the program guide data, wherein ***the program guide data includes an order option for a user to override the default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs with the program guide data***” as recited in claim 61, as amended. More specifically, *Matthews* discloses a “[v]ideo program guide 100 [that] displays for a viewer multiple video programming tiles 102 corresponding to programming available on selected channels during a programming schedule period” (column 4, line 46, *Matthews*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Matthews* fails to disclose anything similar to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 61, as amended, is allowable.

Additionally, *Tsinberg* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews*. More specifically, *Tsinberg* discloses a “CPU 6 [that] will have gathered EPG information from all the digital channels. It combines this information so that, upon request of the viewer, the entire EPG can be displayed using graphics overlay 7” (column 6, line 21, *Tsinberg*). Applicants respectfully submit, however, that *Tsinberg* fails to disclose anything related to an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this reason, claim 61, as amended, is allowable.

Further, *Lortz* fails to overcome the deficiencies of *Matthews* and *Tsinberg*. More specifically, *Lortz* discloses “coordinating the display of an incoming signal stream on a display with web browsing” (column 2, line 14, *Lortz*). Applicants respectfully submit that this is different than an option to override a default display order and manually arrange the plurality of video programs. For at least this additional reason, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

VIII. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claims 25, 28 – 30, 33 – 34, 36 – 38, 42 – 43, 45, 47, 49 – 52, 55 – 58, 60 62, and 66 – 69 are Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz*

The Office Action indicates that claims 25, 28 – 30, 33 – 34, 36 – 38, 42 – 43, 45, 47, 49 – 52, 55 – 58, 60, 62, and 66 – 69 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claims 25, 28 – 30, 33 – 34, 36 – 38, 42 – 43, 47, 49 – 52, 55 – 58, 62, and 66 – 69. More specifically, dependent claims 25 and 28 – 30 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that these claims depend from allowable independent claim 21. Dependent claims 33 – 34 and 36 – 38 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claim 32. Dependent claims

42 – 43 and 45 – 47 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claim 41. Dependent claims 49 – 52 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claim 48. Dependent claims 55 – 58 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claim 54. Dependent claims 60 and 66 – 69 are believed to be allowable for at least the reason that they depend from allowable independent claim 59. Further, dependent claim 62 is believed to be allowable for at least the reason that it depends from allowable independent claim 61. *In re Fine, Minnesota Mining and Mfg.Co. v. Chemque, Inc.*, 303 F.3d 1294, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

IX. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 65 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* further in view of *Alexander*

The Office Action indicates that claim 65 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”) further in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,177,931 (“*Alexander*”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* further in view of *Alexander* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 65. More specifically, dependent claim 65 is believed to be allowable over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* for at least the reason that this claim depends from allowable independent claim 59. Further, *Alexander* does not remedy the deficiencies of *Matthews*, *Tsinberg*, and *Lortz*. Accordingly, claim 65 is allowable as a matter of law. Hence, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection. *In re Fine, Minnesota Mining and Mfg.Co. v. Chemque, Inc.*, 303 F.3d 1294, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

X. Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103 – Claim 46 is Allowable Over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* further in view of *Meyer*

The Office Action indicates that claim 46 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 5,815,145 (“*Matthews*”) in view of U.S. Patent Number 6,212,680 (“*Tsinberg*”) and U.S. Patent Number 6,349,410 (“*Lortz*”) further in view of U.S. Patent Number 4,809,069 (“*Meyer*”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reason that that *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* further in view of *Meyer* fails to disclose, teach, or suggest all of the elements of claim 46. More specifically, dependent claim 46 is believed to be allowable over *Matthews* in view of *Tsinberg* and *Lortz* for at least the reason that this claim depends from allowable independent claim 41. Further, *Meyer* does not remedy the deficiencies of *Matthews*, *Tsinberg*, and *Lortz*. Accordingly, claim 46 is allowable as a matter of law. Hence, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection. *In re Fine, Minnesota Mining and Mfg.Co. v. Chemque, Inc.*, 303 F.3d 1294, 1299 (Fed. Cir. 2002).

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that the now pending claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested.

Any other statements in the Office Action that are not explicitly addressed herein are not intended to be admitted. In addition, any and all findings of inherency are traversed as not having been shown to be necessarily present. Furthermore, any and all findings of well-known art and Official Notice, or statements interpreted similarly, should not be considered well-known for the particular and specific reasons that the claimed combinations are too complex to support such conclusions and because the Office Action does not include specific findings predicated on sound technical and scientific reasoning to support such conclusions.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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